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NOVEL THICKENING LATEX,
MANUFACTURING PROCESS
AND COSMETIC APPLICATIONS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 28, 2000,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

(Amend claim 25 as follows:)

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--25. (amended) Composition comprising an oil phase, an aqueous phase, at least one water-in-oil emulsifier, at least one oil-in-water emulsifier, wherein the composition is an inverted latex comprising from 20% to 60% by weight of a branched or crosslinked anionic polyelectrolyte from at least one monomer possessing a strongly acidic function, copolymerized either with at least one monomer possessing a weakly acidic function or with at least one neutral monomer; the strongly acidic function of the monomer containing it being a sulfonic acid function or a phosphonic acid function, partially or totally salified [and the monomer being 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulfonic acid partially

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